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- d. Communications: The building of a pontoon bridge over the Danube between Vidin and Calafat, On the Plovdiv-Waskovo-Harmanli-Svilengrad Highway and in the Plovdiv valley, work is in course on the increasing and strengthening of bridges. A good part of the road between Plovdiv and Waskovo is being resurfaced. This road constitutes the principal road access to Bulgaria. Other work is in course on roads in southern Bulgaria leading to the Turkish frontier and particularly the widening of cart trails and the replacing of wooden bridges with reinforced concrete. Russian technicians recently inspected Bulgarian railroad cars adapted for hospital trains.
- 7. Evaluation of military situation: The progress made in 1950 for strengthening the armed forces and in war preparation is considerable. Although excluding the necessity of emergency measures in view of imminent conflict, the strengthening still has the characteristics of a methodic and progressive military reinforcement for a probable, not too distant conflict. The Bulgarian Army, because of armament, faithfulness of leaders to Moscow, complete political purging in cadre especially among high-ranking officers, trustworthiness from the political point of view of young officers and soldiers who are well disciplined, and because of the presence of Russian officers, can be considered a unit of USSR military forces.
- 8. To completely evaluate the situation, the Militia and the labor troops, (Trudoveks) whose military importance from the numerical as well as the preparation point of view is considerable, cannot be overlocked.